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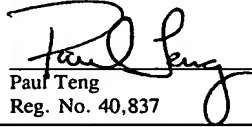
Pursuant to the applicants' duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the information identified herein are also provided.

It is respectfully requested that the information cited in annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

The enclosed items were cited in a June 23, 2003 official Communication and European Search Report in connection with European Application No. EP 02 25 0177 which corresponds to the above-identified application. A copy of the June 23, 2003 Communication and European Search Report is enclosed.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). To the best of Applicants' knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the date of mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in connection with this case.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 06-2140.

Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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